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Fire officials recommend to

- ✦ Have a shovel, fire extinguisher and water on-hand when you shoot.
- ✦ Choose locations with little vegetation, you'd be surprised what can fuel a fire.
- ✦ Bring soft targets with you; avoid shooting rocks, metal or pressurized containers.
- ✦ Be aware of the ammunition you're using.
 - Full metal jacketed rounds increase sparks.
 - Tracers are illegal to use on public lands in Utah.
- ✦ Consider going to a target range for safety.

Please take your trash with you when you go.

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